

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) There are a few old stations with British names.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) As per extant procedure any change in the existing name of Railway station can be made only on the recommendations of the State Government concerned duly con- firmed in by the Ministry of Home Affairs. At present no such proposal from the State Government is pending with the Northern Railway.

[English]

Separate Zone for Karnataka

7902. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
SHRI C. P. MUDALAGIRI-
YAPPA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka State is split among three railway zones;

(b) whether there is a persistent demand to end the triple administrative control and carve out a separate Karnataka railway zone with headquarters in Bangalore;

(c) whether the Railway Reforms Committee had recommended the creation of a South Western Railway zone with headquarters in Bangalore; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Union Govern- ment thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir

(d) Due to severe financial constraints, the Railways are not considering the crea- tion of any new zone for the present.

Production of quality paper by Khadi and Village Industries

7903. SHRI P. PENCHALAI AH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to pro- duce good quality paper by Khadi and Vil- lage Industries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUS- TRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUS- TRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b). the Quality of Handmade paper under Khadi and village Industries is being continuously improved through Research and Develop- ment Institutions like Handmade Paper Research Project and Experimental Hand- made Paper Unit at Dehradun. During 1988- 89 a cylinder mould vat of specific capacity was introduced so as to improve productivity and quality. A process was successfully developed for the use of agro-wastes like paddy straw, wheat straw, Arhar sticks and Bamboo as raw material.

Production Performance of Public Undertakings

7904. SHRI ERA ANBARASU:
SHRI MANORANJAN
BHAKTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been improve- ment in production performance of public sector undertakings during the last quarter